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INFO CINCPAC HONOLULU HI

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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C O N F I D E B T I A L RANGOON 1026

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PFOR, BM

SUBJECT: JOINT WEEKA #14

1. GUB WELCOMES END OF FIGHTING IN CAMBODIA (UNCLASSIFIED)

GUB APRIL 18 ISSUED BRIEF PRESS STATEMENT NOTING OCCUPATION OF PHNOM PENH BY GRUNK ARMED FORCES AND WELCOMING END TO BLOODSHED, BUT AVOIDING RECOGNITION OF VUNK. NEW POSTING (DACCA) WAS ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING DAY FOR BURMESE AMBASSADOR TO CAMBODIA, WHO HAS BEEN BACK IN RANGOON SINCE

1974 (SEE ITEM 4). GUB TOOK NO ACTION TO CLOSE DOWN GRK EMBASSY, BUT ON APRIL 22 CAMBODIAN CHARGE ANNOUNCED HE AND STAFF ON APRIL 20 HAD SENT MESSAGES PLEDGING  
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ALLEGIANCE TO SIHANOUK AND TO KHIEU SAMPHAN. CAMBODIAN AMBASSADOR, CURRENTLY IN BANGKOK, HAD PREVIOUSLY JOINED IN SIMILAR

MESSAGE FROM STAFF OF CAMBODIAN EMBASSY THERE. (RANGOON 1020).

COMMENT: (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

GUB APPEARS TO BE WAITING FOR DUST TO SETTLE SOMEWHAT BEFORE RECOGNIZING GRUNK, IN CONTRAST TO POLICY OF MANY NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AND TO PROMPTNESS WITH WHICH BURMA HAS SOMETIMES RECOGNIZED NEW STATES OR GOVERNMENTS. (GUB WAS FIRST NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRY TO RECOGNIZE PRC, AND FIRST AFTER INDIA TO RECOGNIZE BANGLADESH.) PRIVATE COMMENTS BY BURMESE ON SITUATION IN CAMBODIA AND IN VIET-NAM HAVE BEEN RUDGY, VINED, REGRETFUL IN TONE, WITH TINGES OF NERVOUSNESS OVER IMPLICATIONS OF NVN VICTORY FOR REST OF SE ASIA INCLUDING BURMA.

2. RANSOM DEMAND FOR KIDNAPPED GERMAN (CONFIDENTIAL)

KACHIN INDEPENDENCE ARMY INSURGENTS WHO ARE HOLDING A GERMAN MINING TECHNICIAN, ABDUCTED IN EARLY MARCH, REPORTEDLY HAVE DEMANDED ONE MILLION D-MARKS FOR HIS RELEASE. FRG IS PREPARED TO PAY, GUB IS RELUCTANT TO ALLOW TRANSACTION. FRG EMBOFFS REFUSE TO DISCUSS SUBJECT. (RANGOON 1015)

3. UNIVERSITIES TO REOPEN; MILITARY ADMINISTRATION REMAINS (UNC)  
GUB HAS ANNOUNCED THAT REMAINING UNIVERSITIES STILL CLOSED IN WAKE OF DECEMBER U THAN. DISTURBANCES WILL REOPEN MAY 8 AND 12. EXAMS TO BE HELD THIRD WEEK OF JUNE WILL COVER ONLY THOSE PORTIONS OF COURSES ACTUALLY COVERED BEFORE CLOSURE AND AFTER REOPENING. MEANWHILE, RANGOON REMAINS UNDER MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, WITH NEW RANGOON COMMANDER COL. AYE KO NOW HAVING SUCCEEDED COL. KHIN OHN AS ADMINISTRATOR.

4. BURMESE AMBASSADORIAL CHANGES (UNCLASSIFIED)

THE GUB HAS ANNOUNCED THE ASSIGNMENT OF U MAUNG MAUNG AS ITS FIRST AMBASSADOR TO DACCA. IN HIS MOST RECENT ASSIGNMENT U MAUNG MAUNG WAS BURMESE AMBASSADOR TO PHNOM PENH, ALSO ACCREDITED TO VIENTIANE. BEFORE THAT HE WAS PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. (SEE ITEM 1)

COMMENT: (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

ACCORDING TO USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE, FIVE OTHER BURMESE AMBASSADORS ARE SLATED FOR RECALL AND IN MOST CASES RETURN IN NEAR FUTURE. THEY ARE EX-AMB. AUNG SHWE (PARIS), EX-AMB. MAUNG MAUNG  
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(CANBERRA); EX-COL. THEIN DOKE (BELGRADE), EX-COL. LWIN (WASHINGTON/NEW YORK), AND EX-COL. HLA MAW (KUALA LUMPUR). DESIGNATED REPLACEMENTS ARE ALSO ALL MILITARY OR EX-MILITARY OFFICERS, INCLUDING BURMA ARMY ADJUTANT GENERAL AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, AND COL. KYEE MYINT, HEAD OF PRESIDENT NE WIN'S PERSONAL STAFF AND FORMER MILITARY ATTACHE IN LONDON. IT IS NOT YET KNOWN, AND MAY NOT HAVE BEEN DECIDED, WHICH OF THE NEW AMBASSADORS WILL GET WHICH POSTS. (RANGOON MKPIFM)

5. NEW AMBASSADORS PRESENT CREDENTIALS (UNCLASSIFIED)

APRIL 18 SAWNBO NEW AMBASSADORS PRESENT CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT NE WIN. THE FIRST WAS MR. ROBERT STEPHEN LAURIE OF AUSTRALIA, WHO IS RESIDENT IN RANGOON. HE WAS FOLLOWED BY MR. BASIL VITSAXIS OF GREECE, RESIDENT IN NEW DELHI.

6. SOVIET YOUTH DELEGATION

(BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED)

FOUR-MAN SOVIET "YOUTH" DELEGATION VISITED BURMA APRIL 16 TO 26 FOR ROUND OF TRAVELS UPCOUNTRY AND MEETINGS WITH SENIOR GUB AND PARTY OFFICIALS INCLUDING DEPPRIMIN U LWIN. DELEGATION HEADED BY S. ARUTUNYAN, SECRETARY, DOMSOMOL CENTRAL COMMITTEE. OBSERVERS REPORT THE SOVIET "YOUTHS" WELL ON THE SHADY SIDE OF FORTY.

7. INFORMATION MINIS CY MAKES TOP CHANGE (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

NEWSPAPERS ANNOUNCED THAT U MYA, HEAD OF OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY

MS INFORMATION, HAS BEEN GRANTED FOUR MONTHS' LEAVE FROM HIS POST. HIS VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE APPEARS TO HAVE STEM MED FROM HIS

DISSATISFACTION FROM THE FAILURE BY THE GOVERNMENT TO PROCEED WITH ITS INTENTION TO NAME HIM DIRECTOR OF THE NEWS AND PERIODICALS CORPORATION, REPLACING U TUN TIN, RECENTLY NAMED MANAGING DIRECTOR. THE LEFTINST-LEANING U MYA IS KNOWN TO HAVE OFFENDED A NUMBER OF RKINFLUENTIAL PSFSONS WHO CAUSED DELAYS AND POSTPONEMENTS OF U MYA'S APPOINTMENTS. IT NOW LOOKS AS THOUGH U MYA WILL RETURN TO PRIVATE LIFE, EARNING HIS LIVING AS A JOURNALIST FOR ONE ORYLRE NEWSPAPERS.

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